

Claims 18-36 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,495,572, which issued from application Serial No. 07/859,850, the grandparent application of the present continuation application, for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action of April 20, 1998. As pointed out by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action of April 20, this rejection can be overcome by filing a terminal disclaimer.

Although the propriety of this rejection is not conceded, in an effort to eliminate this issue and advance the prosecution of the application, submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

In view of the submission of the terminal disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 18-36 be withdrawn.

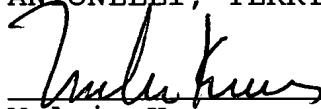
It is submitted that the Examiner's only rejection has been overcome, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an action of a favorable nature are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any

overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,  
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